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Governor Mark R. Warner  
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Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor Warner:

I am very concerned over the addition of HOT Lanes on Virginia roadways.

Let me say that if the approval and plan to initiate HOT lanes is accepted, the HOV lanes should not be used for the additional cars. Additionally, if people are going to have to pay a toll or use some type of payment "tag", this would clog the HOV lanes for those of us who use mass transportation, or slug lines for commuting.

The HOV lanes were established with the purpose of reducing congestion, and helping with air quality control. Why should payment to use the HOV take precedence over less congestion and air quality? Additionally, there is a very good possibility that the addition of HOT over HOV will create major traffic on the once HOV lanes, and this is not fair to commuters that share rides or use mass transit. Many of those who use the HOV lanes, need to be in the Prince William within a certain time, due to commitments, (e.g. activities with children, pickup of children in daycare, second jobs, etc.). You will be doing a great disservice to many people within PWC who depend on the HOV lanes to get them to their destination in a reasonable amount of time. Let those who want to pay for HOT lanes try sharing rides or taking public transportation. Let's remember that the HOV lanes are only in effect for so many hours a day, therefore, if those who want HOT lanes can't use other methods of transportation, let them work out a different work schedule, so they can use the HOV without paying a toll.

Therefore, I strongly protest the HOV lanes become HOT lanes, unless, as I stated previously, they are separate entities from the HOV lanes. Please consider this suggestion when voting on the HOT Lanes.

Thanks you.

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